

January 13, 2004

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on January 13, 2004, in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Lieu, Mauno, McIntyre, Nowatka, Scotto, Witkowsky and Mayor Walker.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers and other staff representatives.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the agenda matters listed under 17.a) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8.

The regular meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scotto.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Mauno.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson noted no withdrawn items but indicated that supplemental material was available at the back of the auditorium.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Chief Bongard indicated that Exxon Mobil would have increased flares, extra lights at night and extra people around the refinery as a result of routine maintenance.

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Ed Thornely, President of the Torrance Amateur Radio Association.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. ALPINE ELECTRONICS DONATION RE THE ATTIC

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council accept a generous donation of \$10,000 from Alpine Electronics to be used for improvements at the ATTiC, a Torrance Teen Center.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to accept a donation of \$10,000 from Alpine Electronics to be used for improvements at the ATTiC, a Torrance Teen Center. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Mayor Walker thanked Cynthia Woodruff-Neer, Vice President of Human Resources and General Counsel for Alpine Electronics, and presented her with a plaque. Parks and Recreation Director Barnett noted that the donation would be used to enhance offerings for the teens and thanked Ms. Woodruff-Neer.

6B. TORRANCE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council review applications and make appointments to fill vacancies on the Airport Commission, Cable TV Advisory Board, Civil Service Commission, Community Services Commission, Environmental Quality & Energy Conservation Commission, Library Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Traffic Commission and Water Commission.

The City Clerk further recommends that City Council confirm the Senior Club appointments to the Commission on Aging and that the City Clerk administer the Oath of Office to commissioners present at the meeting.

Mayor Walker reported that all applications had been read and City Clerk Herbers stated that additional information was available and Councilmembers had received that information.

The following appointments were made by unanimous ballot:

Airport Commission -	Richard Dingman
Cable Television -	Hazel Taniguchi
Civil Service Commission -	Tom Brewer and Tom Monson
Commission on Aging -	Barbara Cardella and Biruta Virobik
Community Services Commission -	Judy Gibson, Jack Hachmeister and Michael Ning
Cultural Arts Commission -	June Armstrong and Kim Wang
Disaster Council -	Marc Lawrence
Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission -	Betty Chim, Jason Minter, Sandi Monda and Pamela Persaud
Library Commission -	Clarence Chappell
Parks and Recreation Commission -	Rod Guyton and Jonna Smoot
Planning Commission -	Jim Faulk and Harvey Horwich
Traffic Commission -	Michael Lewis, Pam O'Brien and Jose Santome
Water Commission -	Charles Deemer, Robert Hoffman and Kenneth Lew

Club members Ted Doty representing Sea Aire Golf Club and Charles Breaker representing the Walteria Senior Club were confirmed by a unanimous ballot.

Mayor Walker encouraged applicants who had not been appointed to try again and commented on the outstanding caliber of commissioners chosen.

City Clerk Herbers reported that a vacancy on the Community Services Commission was created with the appointment of the Rod Guyton to the Parks & Recreation Commission and that indicated that appointment for that position would be held at a later date. City Clerk Herbers stated in the instances of terms to fill unfilled vacancies the individuals would be notified.

City Clerk Herbers administered the Oath to the new commissioners present at the meeting.

Mayor Walker called a recess from 7:32 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Jackson asked that item 7f be pulled for clarifying comments.

7A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2003, OCTOBER 28, 2003, NOVEMBER 4, 2003 AND NOVEMBER 18, 2003

Recommendation

Approval of minutes of October 21, 2003, October 28, 2003, November 4, 2003, and November 18, 2003.

7B. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE KOAM CONSTRUCTION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a contract amendment to Koam Construction (C2003-66) to reduce the contract amount by \$31,017 for a total contract amount of \$494,983, and extend the contract term to April 30, 2004; and
- 2) Approve a purchase order with Wenger Corporation for purchase of theatre risers for the Black Box Theatre (FEAP #338) for \$30,711.84.

7C. WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT SPECIFICATIONS, PLANS, AND CHANGE ORDER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve plans and specifications on file to construct Water Main Replacements in Alleys Northwest of Post Avenue and Northeast of Cravens Avenue, the Alley South of Dominguez Street, and West of Cota Avenue and Michelle Drive, Roslin Avenue, Regina Avenue and Amie Avenue;
- 2) Approve Change Order No. 1 to the existing Public Works Agreement with Engineered Plumbing, Inc., (C2003-201), in an amount not to exceed \$146,425.40 (net dollar amount) plus a contingency of \$7,321.27 to delete work on Amsler Street, Morgan Street, Dormont Avenue, and add work on the Downtown Alleys and in the Michelle Drive Neighborhood; and
- 3) Authorize the Public Works Director to execute said change order.

7D. WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AGREEMENT RE SALE OF RECYCLED WATER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest to Agreement No. W1402 between West Basin Municipal Water District and the City of Torrance for regulatory and administrative compliance measures relative to the sale of recycled water.

7E. PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT RE GRIFFITH COMPANY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for the Flow Control Facilities at T-6 and T-7 (I-43) and Large Meter and Vault Replacements (I-15) on file in the City Clerk's Office;
- 2) Award a public works agreement to Griffith Company in the amount of \$449,700.20 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$22,485.01 for this project;
- 3) Transfer \$140,000 from CIP No. I-15 to CIP No. I-43 to cover costs of Flow Control Facilities;
- 4) Appropriate \$50,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund to CIP No. I-43 to cover staff construction management; and
- 5) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.

7F. INTERNATIONAL SERVICES, INC. CONTRACT EXTENSION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the extension of a contract services agreement with International Services, Inc. (ISI) for one year, commencing February 1, 2004 to January 31, 2005 at a cost not to exceed \$170,872.

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved to approve items 7a through 7e as written. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Finance Director Tsao indicated that language was added to the funding section of the item to appropriate \$41,000 from the Transit Fund balance and Councilmember Witkowsky received clarification that the \$41,000 was included in the \$170,872 figure.

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved to approve item 7f as amended. Commissioner Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES

8A. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-03 RE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY

Recommendation of the City Librarian, Finance Director, Parks and Recreation Director, Police Chief and the Public Works Director that City Council adopt a Resolution with the California State Library for the City's California Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act grant application related to Phase 1 of the McMaster Park Redevelopment.

City Librarian Buckley introduced Architect Wally Gordon, Library Services Manager Weiner and Parks and Recreation Administrator Mike Witzansky who were key figures in the grant process.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Mauno, City Librarian Buckley noted that it was always helpful for members of the community and the City to send letters of support for grant requests. He stated that last time Assemblyman Nakano, the Mayor, and various community groups had sent letters of support.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the staff recommendation. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA READING AND LITERACY IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION BOND ACT OF 2000 AND CERTIFYING THE PROJECT BUDGET LOCAL FUNDING COMMITMENT, SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS AND PUBLIC LIBRARY OPERATION.

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-03. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11A. CONTINUED STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR CAROLWOOD LANE AND SINGINGWOOD DRIVE

Recommendation of the City Manager and the City Attorney that City Council continue the state of local emergency, proclaimed March 2, 2001 for properties located on Carolwood Lane and Singingwood Drive.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to continue the state of local emergency for Carolwood Lane and Singingwood Drive. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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The Torrance Redevelopment Agency met from 7:54 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.

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16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16A. Councilmember Lieu commented that the Governor's budget proposal would have a significant impact on public safety in Torrance and he expressed hope that a proposal would be crafted that takes less away from the cities.

16B. Councilmember Mauno reported on the successful lobbying efforts of the Independent Cities Association (ICA) regarding second units on R-1 properties and noted that the Governor was receiving a generally favorable rating.

16C. Councilmember McIntyre thanked everyone who wrote to the state in opposition to proposed Bill 1160. She indicated that Senator Bowen's office had received almost 90 letters from individual residents in the City of Torrance which can be very persuasive and she encouraged everyone to write when they feel strongly about an issue that impacts the community.

16D. Councilmember Nowatka reported that proposed Bill 1160, which would have nullified many of the ordinances Torrance has with regard to second units on lots, had been pulled back by its author, but it could resurface again with a different title and a different author and he indicated that the City would be on watch. He noted that Torrance is also opposed to SB 744 which would allow the state to overturn the decisions made by the City Council on housing issues.

16E. Councilmember Nowatka reported that three scouts from Troop 586 were present at the meeting and he announced that on Sunday, January 18 Zachary Asher would be honored for achieving Eagle Scout status in Troop 586.

16F. Councilmember Nowatka announced that the Torrance Symphony would be performing on Saturday, January 17 at the Armstrong Theatre.

16G. Councilmember Nowatka indicated that the Stage 2 Theatre would be formally dedicated on March 2 at 3:30 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

16H. Councilmember Scotto complimented the Torrance Police Department for their handling of a recent incident at 182nd St. and Prairie, with Deputy Police Chief Paul Besse reporting on the routine stop that turned into a shoot out. He commended officers involved noting that the situation was contained and no citizens were hurt and he thanked other departments for their assistance.

16I. Councilmember Witkowsky observed that the Do Not Call List appeared to be working and she suggested the public call Senator Deborah Bowen to put an end to junk faxes.

16J. Councilmember Witkowsky commented on the passing of Ed Thornely noting that he had worked tirelessly on the Community Volunteer Alert Network and was a true volunteer, even in ill health, working to make things safe for the City.

16K. Greg Zickovich, 5621 Bartlett Dr., requested that an item be added to the agenda for a future meeting regarding PRE01-0041 and provided information to the City Clerk.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Considered earlier in the meeting.

18. ADJOURNMENT
At 8:08 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, January 20, 2004 at 5:30 p.m., for an Executive Session in the Council Chamber, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

***** Adjourned in memory of Ed Thornely *****

Attest: /s/ Dan Walker
Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers
Sue Herbers, CMC

Approved on February 10, 2004

Kristi Callan
Recording Secretary

City Council
January 13, 2004

City Clerk of the City of Torrance